

## DWELLING IN THE WORD

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The Reformed tradition stands on 3 legs:

- Scripture alone
- Faith alone
- The Priesthood of all believers

### 1 Peter 2:5, 9 NIV

“...you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ....But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”

### Revelation 1:5-6 NLT

“All praise to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us. He has made us his kingdom and his priests who serve before God his Father. Give to him everlasting glory! He rules forever and ever! Amen!”

### Questions to ponder and discuss:

- Who were Peter and John referring to when they said “you” are priests/a royal priesthood?
- What does it mean to be “a royal priesthood”?
- Does the theological truth of “a royal priesthood” translate into reality in your particular church? Why or why not?
- As leaders of the Church, are there things we can do to help the people of God become priests who “serve before God”?
- Is there a place in today’s Church for spiritual gifting in relation to “a royal priesthood”?